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1. HIGHLY COMPRESSED VISIT OF CODEL TO BRUSSELS FOCUSSED
ON THEIR TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR BRUCE AND GENERAL HAIG
AT NATO MISSION. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SURPRISINGLY WIDE RANGE OF
VIEWS ON NATO AND THE SOUTHERN FLANK AMONG CODEL MEMBERS, IT WAS
CLEAR THAT MANY OF THE GROUP HAD HONEST DOUBTS ABOUT CERTAIN ASPECTS
OF NATO AND US STRATEGY IN EUROPE.

2. ANDREWS, DON CLAUSEN, LONG AND KOCH LED QUESTIONING, WHICH
INCLUDED FOLLOWING TYPICAL POINTS:

- A. IS THE NATO CONVENTIONAL FORCE CREDIBLE?
- B. IS IT A QUOTE TRIP-WIRE UNQUOTE?
- C. WHEN WOULD WE EMPLOY TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS?
- D. WOULDN'T NATO TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS BE DESTROYING
NATO CITIES?
- E. WHY SHOULD CONGRESS NOT VIEW ILLEGAL TURK USE OF US
MILITARY AID EQUIPMENT AS A SEPARATE ISSUE FROM SOUTHERN FLANK
SECURITY?
- F. WERE GREEKS NOT AS MUCH AT FAULT AS TURKS IN CYPRUS AND
SHOULDN'T GREEK AID HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED AS WELL?
- G. WHAT DO WE EXPECT TO GET OUT OF THE CSCE NEGOTIATIONS?

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3. ALTHOUGH QUESTIONS WERE FREQUENTLY BLUNT AND DIFFICULT,
MISSION REPS WERE LEFT WITH STRONG IMPRESSION THAT CODEL APPRECIATED
THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH BRUCE AND HAIG AND MANY SAID THEY
HAD GREATLY BENEFITED BY IT. BRUCE

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